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No. 336. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th November 1862, No. 116:—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 2,377, dated 4th October 1862, I have the honor to state that there does not appear to be any source offered by the current Budget allotment available for provision of the salary of a Commander and wages of a Crew nominated to the charge of the Negapatam Steam Tug.

2. Under all the circumstances elicited in the course of the correspondence* which has taken place on the subject of the Negapatam Harbour improvements, I am strongly of opinion that it will be the most expedient course to allow the Tug to remain for the present where she is, *i.e.* "in ordinary" in the Godavery in charge of the Engineer Department of that District: and to abstain from burthening the resources of Tanjore with a charge for what I fear will prove unremunerative labor if she is commissioned before legitimate and continued employment is provided for her.

* 1 Letter No. 100, dated 14th October 1862, to the District Engineer.
1 Do. No. 226, dated 31st October 1862, from the District Engineer.
1 Do. from District Engineer, Godavery, No. 822, dated 25th October 1862.
1 Do. from Chief Engineer, No. 4,100, dated 11th November 1862.
1 Do. from District Engineer, No. 205, dated 18th October 1862.

3. I would further remark that as Government have (in G. O. No. 2,169, dated 11th September 1862,) deferred *sine die* the consideration of the project for the improvement of the Harbour, or estuary of Negapatam, it would certainly seem desirable to break up the entire steam dredging establishment which is now maintained there at so great an expense, and which is evidently working at a disadvantage and loss. I beg therefore to commend Captain Mullins' letter of the 31st ultimo, No. 226, paragraph 6, to the consideration of Government.

No. 337. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1862, No. 3,026.

The Government concur in the opinion expressed in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, and authorize the adoption of the course suggested in regard to the Steam Tug intended for Negapatam.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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No 116

Lutheran Circle Office &c
Madras 15th November 1862

From Lieutenant Colonel J. Cuchterlony
Deputy Chief Engineer &c

To Colonel H. T. Birdwood &c
Secretary to Government Pub. Dept.

Sir

With reference to G.O. No 2377 dated 4th Oct. /62 I have the honor to state that there does not appear to be any source of fund by the current Budget allotment available for provision of the Salary of a Commander & wages of a Crew nominated to the charge of the Negapatam Steam Tug.

2. Under all the circumstances elicited in the course of the Correspondence* which has taken place on the subject of the Negapatam Harbour improvements, I am strongly of opinion that it will be the most expedient course to allow the Tug to remain for the present where she is, i.e. "in ordinary" in the Godavery in charge of the Engineer Dept. of that District: to abstain from burthening the resources of Tanjore with a charge for what I fear will prove unremunerative labor if she is commissioned before legitimate & continued employment is provided for her.

3. I would further remark that as Govt. have (in G.O. No. 2169 of 11th Sept. 1862) defined

* Enclosures 5:
1 Letter No. 100 of 4th Oct/62 to the D.C.S.
1 Do. No. 226 of 21st Oct/62 from Do.
1 Do. from Dept. Engineer No. 822 of 25th Oct/62
1 Do. from Chief Engr. No. 4100 of 11th Nov/62.
1 Do. from Pub. Dept. No 2059 of 18th Nov/62.

since die the consideration of the project for the improvement of the Harbour, or estuary of Negapatam, it would certainly seem desireable to break up the entire Dredging establishment which is now maintained there at a great expence, which is evidently working at a disadvantage Loss. I beg therefore to command Capt. Mullins' letter of the 31st ult. No. 226, para. 6 to the consideration of Govt.

I have

Lieutenant Colonel R.S.
Dy. Ch. Engr. Dn. Circle

To

Colonel H.J. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government S.W.D.
Chepauk

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Dy Ch Engineer &c &c

To Col Wm J. Birdwood RE
Secy to Govt PWD &c

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Recommends for reasons stated that the Steam Tug destined for Negapatam may be allowed to remain for the present where she is i.e. in ordinary, the Conservancy in charge of the Engineer Establishment of that Station to order.

No 3026.

The Govt concur in the opinion expressed in Para 2 of the foregoing letter and authorize the adoption of the course suggested in regard to the Steam Tug intended for Negapatam —

J.B.

Just what has to be done and instructions given

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